Discovers Jewish Tribe in Central Arabia

JERUSALEM (J. T. A.)—The existence in Arabia of a Jewish tribe of Bedouins, closely allied with Ibn Saud, leader of the Wahabis, who now holds the reins in Arabia, was reported here by Missim Tager in a lecture he delivered.

Mr. Tager, who is the son of the Damascus Chief Rabbi, is secretary to the Wahabi envoy to Syria.

The Jewish tribe, named Haibar, lives in Central Arabia, from where the lecturer recently returned. The tribe numbers 60,000 and includes 30,000 armed men. They gain a livelihood by cattle breeding and raiding. In the recent war of the Wahabis against the Hashimite dynasty, the Haibar tribe was closely allied with Ibn Saud, giving him a valuable assistance.

The Jewish tribesmen observe Saturday as their Sabbath and the annual fast of the Day of Atonement. Circumcision is obligatory among the tribesmen. The tribe is also in possession of an ancient Scroll of the Law in Hebrew. The desire to go to Palestine and to serve in a Palestine Jewish army is frequently expressed by the tribesmen.

Several of the lieutenants of Ibn Saud are members of the Haibar tribe. The treasurer of Ibn Saud's kingdom is a Haibar Jew named Mordecai.

ALL RACES AND CREEDS ADMITTED TO HEBREW UNIVERSITY

LONDON (S. A.)—At the annual meeting of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, it was decided that students of both sexes would be admitted to the school, as well as members of all nationalities, races and creeds.

Dr. Chaim Weizmann was elected President of the university; Professor Einstein, Chairman of the Academic Council, and Dr. Judah L. Magnes, Chancellor. It was also decided that the American members of the board would be allowed to nominate fifteen members of the Academic Council of the university. A budget of $175,000 was decided upon for the coming year.

In his report to the Board of Governors, Chancellor Magnes declared that sixty students were at present enrolled in the Institute of Jewish Studies, and that there were eight professors. The curriculum of the institute covers Mishna, Talmud, Jewish law, Jewish history and Palestine geography.

CLEMENCEAU'S SECRETARY TO MAKE BID FOR CABINET

PARIS (S. A.)—G. Mandel, Secretary to George Clemenceau during his Premiership of France, and considered his right hand man, is said to have inspired Clemenceau to write the now-famous personal letter to Coolidge about the Franco-American debt settlement. Mr. Mandel, one of the few Jews active in political affairs in France, is expected to make a bid for cabinet honors on the strength of his affiliation with the Clemenceau debt settlement attitude.

BARON DE ROTHSCHILD HAS NARROW ESCAPE ON HIGH SEA

PARIS (J. T. A.)—Baron James de Rothschild, son of Edmund de Rothschild, had a narrow escape on a high sea recently.

While attempting to board the "Olympic" from a launch at high sea at Cherbourg, the ladder snapped while Rothschild was ascending it, and he fell into the sea. He was however immediately rescued. Further attempts to board the "Olympic" having failed, Baron de Rothschild returned to Cherbourg.

PILSUDSKI KISSES JEWISH LEGIONAIRE CRIPPLED IN WAR FOR POLISH INDEPENDENCE

WARSAW (J. T. A.)—A highly dramatic scene was enacted when the twelfth anniversary of Pilsudski's Legion's crossing the frontier of Congress Poland was celebrated at the Legionaires Congress, opened in Kielce, the first Polish city to be occupied by the Polish Legion under Pilsudski's command in 1914. Many Jewish Legionaires were present at the celebration. Pilsudski publicly kissed a Jewish Legionaire who lost both his legs on the battlefield.

M. Stpiczynski, editor of "Glos Prawdy," Pilsudski's organ, in his address, stated that Poland, like the Jews in the desert, must wait another forty years for a new, free generation to arise.

FRENCH-ROUMANIAN PACT HALTED BY LATTER'S ANTI-SEMITISM

PARIS (S. A.)—The revelation that France has agreed upon a new defensive alliance with Roumania discloses evidence showing that the negotiations for the alliance which had been going on for a year were effectually halted because former Roumanian Premier Jan Bratiano was reputed to be anti-Semitic. French liberal leaders were unwilling to sign the pact because of Bratiano's notorious anti-Jewish activities.

It is noteworthy that present Premier Averescu of Roumania, although a liberal, is also anti-Semitic. It is believed that he stressed his friendship for Roumanian Jews in order to obtain the consent of France to the alliance.

PROMINENT AMERICANS TO VISIT JEWISH COLONIES IN RUSSIA

MOSCOW (J. T. A.)—Jacob Billikopf, Executive Director of the Federation of Jewish Charities in Philadelphia and Mr. Stanley Faltz of Philadelphia arrived here.

Together with the members of the American Investigating delegation, Mr. William Rosenwald and Mr. Cahen, they are leaving for an inspection tour of the Jewish colonies.

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